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**SAN MANUEL NAMES JERRY PARESA
AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Twenty-years at Tribe Offers Strong Credentials**

San Manuel Indian Reservation (Highland, Calif.) – September 9, 2009 - The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians General Council and Business Committee announced today that effective September 1, Mr. Jerry Paresa is the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the San Manuel tribal government organization.

Paresa began his employment with San Manuel in May 1989. He held several positions at San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino before becoming general manager. Since February 2000, Jerry has been with the tribal government organization as executive director of government operations. His most recent position was executive director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

“The General Council and Business Committee are pleased that Jerry has accepted this position,” said San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Chairman James Ramos.—. “He has the requisite skills and abilities to continue moving our tribal government organization in the right direction and contribute to our ongoing efforts to make our government a strong and effective presence among other governments, businesses and the community at large.”

The San Manuel tribal government employs upwards of 700 personnel, who provided essential government services on the San Manuel Indian Reservation. The Tribe also is a key partner with state and local governments as well as numerous community groups and organizations.

“I am also confident that with Jerry in the CAO position, we will continue to improve and strengthen our government-to-government relationships with local, state, federal and tribal governments throughout the state and across the country,” Ramos added.

About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe located near the city of Highland, Calif. The Serrano Indians are the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys and mountains who share a common language and culture. The San Manuel reservation was established in 1891 and recognized as sovereign nation with the right of self-government. Since time immemorial, the San Manuel tribal community has endured change and hardship. Amidst these challenges the tribe continued to maintain its unique form of governance. Like other governments it seeks to provide a better quality of life for its citizens by building infrastructure, maintaining civil services and promoting social, economic and cultural development. Today San Manuel tribal government oversees many governmental units including the departments of fire, public safety, education and environment.